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TO: Interested Parties -- Commercial Availability Reviews

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SUBJECT: Commercial Availability Review on Apparel Made with Certain Fusible
Interlinings (Request for Revocation) Investigation No. 332-458-007

The U.S. International Trade Commission has initiated a review to provide advice concerning a request for the revocation of the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements' (CITA)s' decision that certain fusible interlining fabrics cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner.¹ On April 22, 2003, CITA, thereby, designated apparel articles made from these fabrics in CBTPA countries as eligible for preferential treatment under the "commercial availability" provisions of the CBTPA.² The designation covered two types of fusible interlining fabrics, both of which are classified in HTS subheading 5903.90.25. The first item consists of certain knitted outer fusible material with a fold line that is knitted into the fabric and the second item is a knitted inner fusible material with an adhesive coating.

The petition for the revocation was filed by Narroflex Inc., and received by CITA on April 16, 2004. The petition alleges that the subject fabrics can be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner.

The Commission will conduct the review and provide advice under its investigation No. 332-458, *Commercial Availability of Apparel Inputs (2004): Effect of Providing Preferential Treatment to Apparel Imported from Sub-Saharan African, Caribbean Basin, and Andean Countries*, instituted at the request of the United States Trade Representative (USTR). The advice concerns the probable economic effect on U.S. producers, workers, and consumers of revoking CITA's designation of duty-free and quota-free treatment to apparel made in eligible countries from the specified fabrics, regardless of the source of the fabrics. The Commission will submit its advice to USTR in a classified report by May 28, 2004, and issue a public version of it soon

¹ For CITA's decision, see *Federal Register* of April 22, 2003 (68 F.R. 19788).

² The CBTPA is the United States-Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act

thereafter.

The Commission invites interested parties to submit written statements (original and 3 copies) concerning issues to be addressed by the Commission in this revocation review by May 19, 2004. Information on procedures for submitting written statements to the Commission can be found in its notice of investigation, which was published in the *Federal Register* of February 9, 2004 (69 F.R. 6003) and posted on its website at <http://www.usitc.gov/invfrn.htm#332>.

Further information on this review can be obtained from Cynthia Trainor (202-205-3354; cynthia.trainor@usitc.gov). Information on the commercial availability investigation of the Commission can be obtained from its Program Manager (see above) and from its website at www.usitc.gov/332s/shortsup/shortsupintro.htm. Information on commercial availability requests is also available from the U.S. Department of Commerce, which chairs CITA, on the website of its Office of Textiles and Apparel at http://otexa.ita.doc.gov/Commercial_Availability.htm.